



# *The Blurb*



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*The Regular Club Meeting Will be on Wednesday the 11th in the  
Roxborough Hospital Cafeteria at 7:30*

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*1<sup>st</sup> Day of Summer! Field Day!*

*And don't forget Father's Day!*

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**Governor Declares June Amateur Radio Month**  
**See the Proclamation on Page 6**

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**Philmont is seeking a 10-meter band captain for Field Day!**

The band captain is responsible for 1) Assuring an appropriate station is set-up for the 10meter band, 2) Someone is available to operate the station (like yourself and others), 3) Take down of the station. Now plenty of assistance is available by the club members and fellow field day participants. We can help the band captain to set-up and/or supply the radios, antenna, etc.

**Contact John KB3SJS**

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***The Blurb is Now Hiring!***

***Short hours, Great pay and Benefits!***

***Long Time Editor Retiring***

***If you want this glamorous job contact Rick, ND3B***

***The few, the proud, the literate***

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		<p><b>Sunday Morning Net Schedules</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>2 Meter/ 70cm Net</b>..... at 0930L on W3QV repeater</li> <li>• <b>10-on-10 Net</b> ..... at 1000L 28.393 MHz USB (±QRM)</li> <li>• <b>75 meter Net</b> ..... at 1020L 3.993 MHz LSB</li> <li>• <b>ARES</b> at 2100L on the W3QV repeater</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Committees</b></p> <p>Blurb folding: KB3IV &amp; N3GLU Directory: KB3IV Field Day: KC2PMW</p>	<p>Internet: N3QV &amp; KC2PMW Membership: KB3SJT Net Control: KB3IV</p>	<p>Program: W3STW Publicity: W3RM Refreshments: W3AOK Repeater: W3AOK</p>	<p>Scholarship: W3RM Sunshine: N3GLU VE Program: NS3K Welcome: N3UBY Youth: KC2PMW</p>

***All visitors are welcome!***

The club meets at 7:30 PM on the *second* non-holiday Wednesday each month except July and August at **Roxborough Memorial Hospital**, 5800 Ridge Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19128  
Maps and directions are available at [www.phil-mont.org](http://www.phil-mont.org).

**License Examinations** are held on the fourth **non-holiday Thursday** each month at **Community Ambulance Association, 1414 E. Butler Pike, Ambler PA 19002**  
Registration begins at 7:00 P.M. Applicants should contact Jim McCloskey NS3K at 215-275-2979 or [jmccloskey@msn.com](mailto:jmccloskey@msn.com) for the latest information.

**Club Stations W3QV/R: The Jim Spencer Memorial Repeater System**  
Ridge & Port Royal Avenues, Philadelphia, PA **Trustee: W3RM**  
**147.03 MHz + PL 91.5 Hz 444.80 MHz + PL 186.2 Hz**  
Reach us on EchoLink through W3QV-R  
**W3AA Trustee: WU3I**  
**W3EM: Field Day/special event station Trustee: N3QV**

***The Officers***

**Pres: KA3IRJ Fred Uebelhoer Jr.** [fred@ksecorp.com](mailto:fred@ksecorp.com)

**Vice Pres: W3STW Al Tribble** [wstwu@juno.com](mailto:wstwu@juno.com)

**Treas: NS3K Jim McCloskey** [jmccloskey@msn.com](mailto:jmccloskey@msn.com)

*The Prez Sez ...*

Well, despite a good deal of well-intentioned skepticism, our new [Yaesu DR-1 Analog/Digital Repeater](#) went online this Month with little adieu, and it has been working very well. I have received reports from stations well North of Reading (and even further away) checking in regularly to have digital chats with users around the Metro area. Some of the locals equipped with the digital radios were actually waiting on the frequency on installation day and popped in seconds after I turned the machine on! Many thanks to Bill (W3AOK) and Jack (WA3BXH) for their expertise and hard work with the upgrade. Also assisting with the installation were Jim (N3SHM), Al (AB3CE) and Sal (NC3U) who functioned as an offsite test station. And remember – your existing analog radios will work just fine on the new system, with digital users hearing your transmissions and automatically switching over to analog so you can hear them. Try it out! (444.80/PL186.2)

**And don't forget we have two brand new digital radios that we are loaning out to any Club Member who would like to try one out for a week.** We have both the HT (DR-1) as well as the Mobile/Base (FTM-400DR) radios you can play with. If you are interested in trying one out, contact me to get on the list.

May is Dayton time and an email was sent out earlier detailing all the goings on there. The highlights were that we visited the Yaesu Booth and met with top management to thank them for the repeater, and to talk about future projects they may want to help us with. They also presented PhilMont with a plaque of appreciation. Several of us also met with [ARRL President Kay Cragie](#) who sends her regards to all of PhilMont. I had not met Kay before

and it was a real pleasure chatting with her about PhilMont and ham radio. I indicated that we may have a contingent at the League [Centennial Convention in Hartford](#) in July. Maybe a train trip is in order? [Talk to me.](#)

Bill's well planned search mission at Dayton netted a great set of duplexers for the 440 machine to improve its performance even further. A bunch of us also got together for Dinner Friday night in Downtown Dayton after the show and the PhilMont contingent consisted of W3AOK, NS3K, N0VVV, WA3GM, AB3CE, and myself.

The night before I left for Dayton Penny and I attended the May General Meeting featuring Speaker Allan Wolke (W2AEW). Alan's program was even more interesting than I had imagined and was a great success. The Meeting was very well attended and it was good to see some faces we had not seen in a while like Barry (K3EUI), Charlie (K3CJ) and others. Food, refreshments, and good fellowship was enjoyed by all and Alan's program on [Oscilloscope use in the Ham Shack](#) kept everyone attentive. There were many questions that he answered expertly and I think we all learned a lot, I know I did.

And speaking of Meetings, please **do not miss this month's meeting on June 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM which is all about Field Day.** There will be pictures from past FD exercises as well as a short video for those interested. John (KB3SJS) is Chairman for [our Field Day effort](#). If you have not participated before now would be a great time to jump in. We have people and resources available to get you set up and operating. Nobody is expecting perfection, and the objective is to have a good time and promote ham radio. If being a Band Captain is not for you, just show up and join one of the other Band Captains to work some contacts at their stations, I have room in the 15 meter tent for anyone interested in working the station and would appreciate the help. FD is always a good time, come on out and join in the fun!

Finally I want to thank all of you who send me notes and articles (thanks Bob! W3NE) on various topics. Your feedback, suggestions, words of support, and even critiques are all greatly appreciated and I encourage you to keep them coming.

*Some Pictures from Dayton*



*The VE test session is Thursday evening  
the 26<sup>th</sup> this month.  
As always, many thanks to our VE team!*

*Phil-Mont Birthdays  
& Tidbytes*

**June Birthdays**

- 03 Jennifer Caswell – KB3MIV
- 04 Dick Moll - W3RM  
Sue Sadwin - N2CYA  
Delores Gift (XYL K3HWG)
- 10 Thomas Maresca (OM K3YPH)
- 15 Caitlin Brady – W3CJB  
John Coupe - WA3BXH
- 18 Sal Marandola-NC3U
- 21 Sharon Roth (XYL K2RSJ)
- 22 Richard Roth- K2RSJ
- 23 Elwood Brem-K3YV
- 24 Neil Griffith-W2GTV
- 30 Mike Lenczynski - KA3EIP  
Fred Rice - WA3KIO

**MEMBERSHIP STATS**

At press time P.M.R.C. has:

- 89 Full paid members
- 8 Family members
- 2 Youth members
- 1 Honorary member



Fred KA3IRJ and Dennis Motschenbacher K7BV,  
Executive VP of Yaesu USA at Dayton



*Fred KA3IRJ and ARRL president Kaye  
Craigie N3KN*





*The Great Repeater Caper*

*Photos by Jim, K3SHM*





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THE GOVERNOR

**GREETINGS:**

It is my pleasure to join with amateur radio operators across the Commonwealth to support June 2014 as "Amateur Radio Month."

Thousands of our Commonwealth's citizens have been licensed by the Federal Communications Commission as amateur radio operators. Since wireless radio's earliest days, these men and women, also known as Hams, have worked diligently over the years to provide vital supplemental communications to their communities during times of emergencies and natural disasters, and at public events. Amateur radio is both a hobby and service, and Hams use radio communication for public service and recreation. I commend all the men and women throughout the Commonwealth who volunteer their time, talents and efforts as amateur radio operators.

As Governor, and on behalf of all Pennsylvanians, I am pleased to recognize June 2014 as "Amateur Radio Month" in Pennsylvania. Please accept my best wishes for continued success in the future.



*Tom Corbett*  
TOM CORBETT  
Governor  
June 2014

## *The Following Radio Amateurs Have Applied for PMRC Membership*

Domenic Cantarello K3DTC

Extra Class

ARRL member

Spouse Linda

11640 Ridgeway Avenue

Willow Grove PA

215-657-4816

215-421-9291 (c/w)

dominiccantarello@gmail.com

Bob Harcarik WA2POW

Extra Class

ARRL member

Spouse Sharon

320 Swedesford Rd

North Wales PA

215-699-0239

Wa2pow@snip.net

Lamonte Cuff KC3IV

General Class

759 W. Allens Lane

Phila. PA

215-247-0735

lamonte.david@comcast.net



### *Expanded Digital Education*

Tune in to 444.800 repeater for a few trial sessions  
of the Digital Education Net at 7:00 PM

We are using sound-card based audio tones, which  
work well with any analog repeater.

For the past month we have been  
learning two programs:

JT65- HF written by a guy out in Calif  
JT65/JT9 written by Joe Taylor himself.

Both seem to work well on the FM repeater.

*de Barry K3EUI*

***For Sale:*** 1/8" (290#) & 3/16" (380#) Dark  
Olive Drab Braided Cord · 100% Polyester/Dacron  
Knit Braided. Nice stuff! Tough and long lasting · UV  
Resistant and Low Stretch *Proudly Made in the*  
*U.S.A.!* Contact Steve WU3I at wu3i@arrl.net or  
215-605-6074 Asus netbook win 7 home 150.00  
Motorola zoom, droid 4.1 200.00 LDG Autotuner  
at200pc 75.00 Contact Ted Katz N3OWM, 856-663-  
5962

***Also***

**125ft RG-213U w/connectors**  
**WA3IFY Jay**  
**215-289-4531**



***June at Phil-Mont***

1 KC2PMW  
6 D Day 1944  
8 W3STW  
11 General Meeting  
14 Flag Day  
15 KB3IV  
    Father's Day  
21 Summer Begins  
22 NC3U  
26 VE Evening Session  
28, 29 Field Day  
29 N3QV

***Don't forget the ARES net on Sunday nights and  
the Digital net on Tuesday nights.***

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***First Class Mail***

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